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Subject: FW: R8 Lead Action Strategy
Attachments: R8 Lead Action Plan 4-24-2018.pdf

Just wanted to alert everyone that I sent the following email and the attached R8 Lead Action Plan to the Environmental Directors today.

I also want to thank the R8 Lead Team for the outstanding work putting the plan together and the continued focus on implementation. It is inspiring to see the passion all of you have shown to address the need to significantly reduce lead exposure. I look forward to following our progress and supporting your efforts.

Deb

From: Thomas, Deb
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 2:17 PM
To: 'amatheson@utah.gov' <amatheson@utah.gov>
Subject: R8 Lead Action Strategy

Hi Alan,

I am writing to alert you to the recently developed R8 Lead Action Plan that EPA staff will be discussing with their state counterparts. Recently, the *President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children* (Task Force), met to outline a federal strategy to reduce childhood lead exposure and associated health risks. From this meeting, the Task Force and other principals agreed to develop and implement a new *Federal Strategy to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Eliminate Associated Health Impacts*.

In support of this national initiative, EPA Region 8 developed the EPA Region 8 Lead Action Plan (Lead Action Plan) which describes the role we play in efforts to reduce lead exposure. The Lead Action Plan focuses on projects that will prevent and respond to childhood lead poisoning in State and Tribal jurisdictions within Region 8. Programmatic areas of focus include Drinking Water, Lead-Based Paint, Superfund, Brownfields, Response and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Each of these program areas identified priority areas of focus, previous actions taken, planned future actions, associated commitments, and potential partnerships. The intent of the plan is not to establish expectations or priorities for programs you have been delegated to implement and enforce. The plan will guide our direct implementation work, serve as a starting point to discuss state priorities for addressing lead exposures and assist with the identification of opportunities to leverage our respective resources. Please find the EPA Region 8 Lead Action Plan attached to this email.

Your staff will hear from their EPA Region 8 counterparts working on the various projects showcased in the EPA Region 8 Lead Action Plan. We encourage your staff to provide feedback on how the plan can be improved and/or propose new projects where partnership and collaboration with EPA Region 8 and other federal, state, tribal and local agencies can make a meaningful impact on preventing lead poisoning.

We look forward to working together with Utah to continue the pursuit of a lead-safe environment where children live, learn and play.

Regards,

Deb

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